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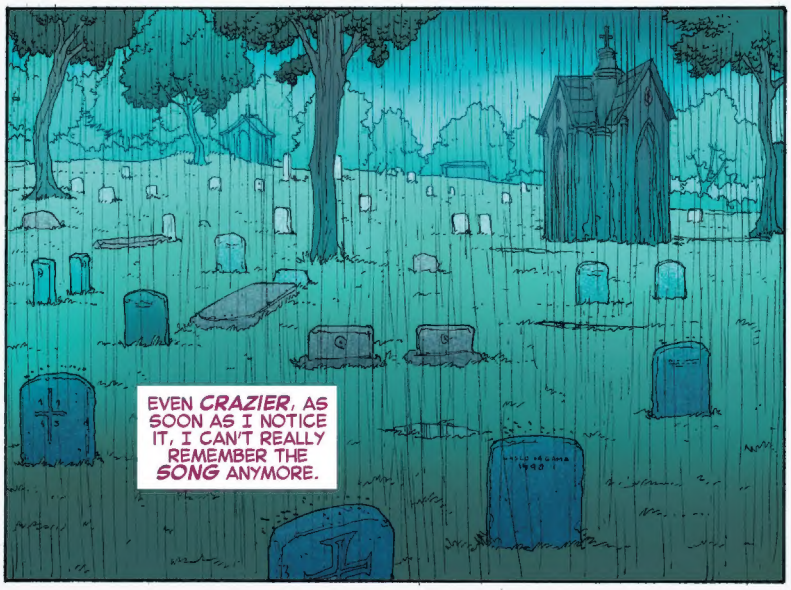
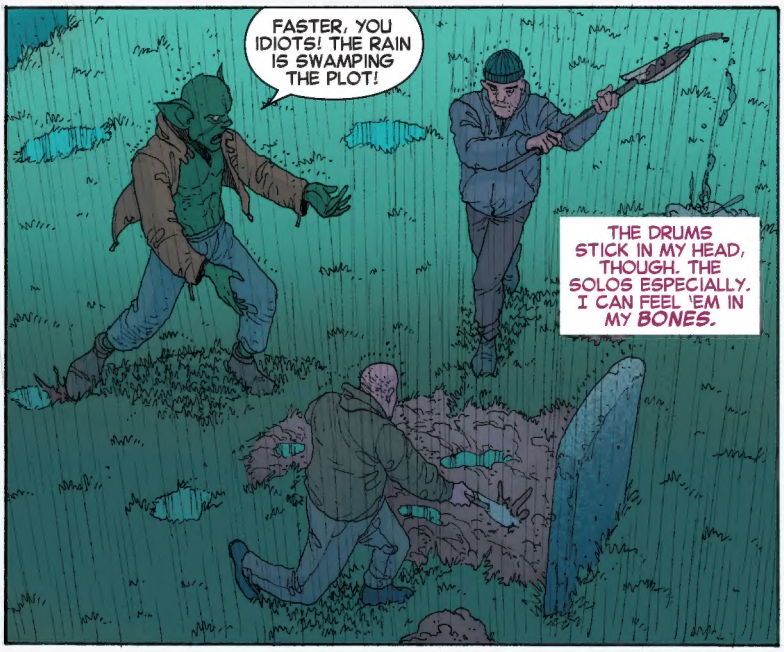
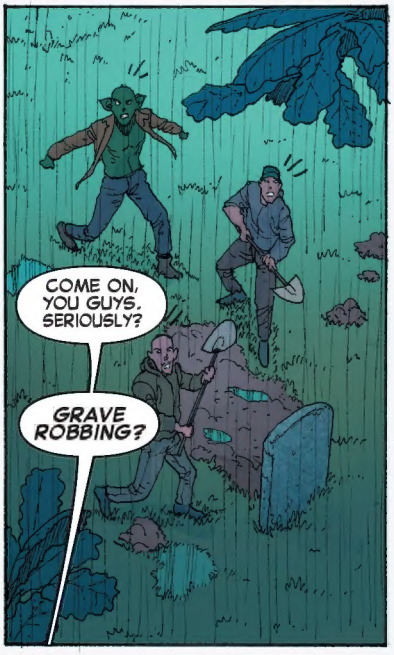
YOU EVER NOTICE, ALL OF A SUDDEN, THAT YOU'VE BEEN WALKING AROUND SINGING A SONG UNDER YOUR BREATH LIKE A CRAZY PERSON?

THAT HAPPENS TO ME *ALL THE TIME.*
MOUNT OLIVET CEMETERY


EVEN *CRAZIER*, AS SOON AS I NOTICE IT, I CAN'T REALLY REMEMBER THE *SONG* ANYMORE.


FASTER, YOU IDIOTS! THE RAIN IS SWAMPING THE PLOT!
THE DRUMS STICK IN MY HEAD, THOUGH. THE SOLOS ESPECIALLY. I CAN FEEL 'EM IN MY *BONES.*


COME ON, YOU GUYS. SERIOUSLY?
GRAVE ROBBING?

MY NAME'S *GWEN STACY*, AND WHEN I GET BORED OR FRUSTRATED I LIKE TO *BEAT* ON THINGS.

WHY CAN'T I RUN INTO SOME GUY SNATCHING AN OLD LADY'S PURSE, OR A NICE BROAD DAYLIGHT *BANK ROBBERY?*

THIS IS JUST TOO GROSS.

WTF

TAKE HER OUT!

BLAM

WHOA! THAT WAS *CLOSE.*

SPIDER-SENSE HAS FELT TWITCHY LATELY. I DON'T REMEMBER IT BEING SO SLUGGISH IN THE PAST.

YOU'RE OUT HERE IN THE RAIN AND GREEN GUY CAN'T EVEN BUTTON HIS SHIRT LIKE ITS AN AD FOR AXE BODY SPRAY.

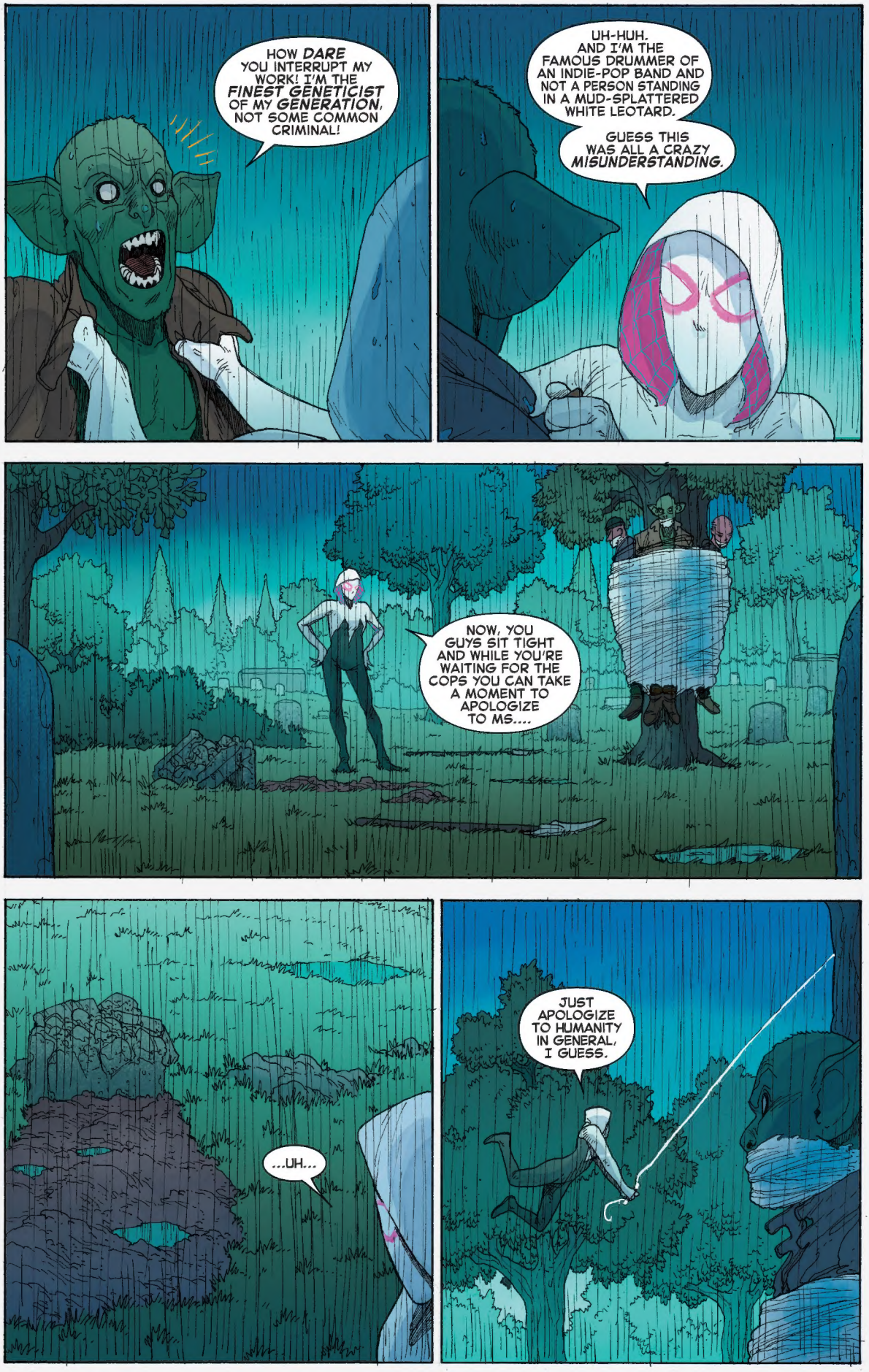
THWIP

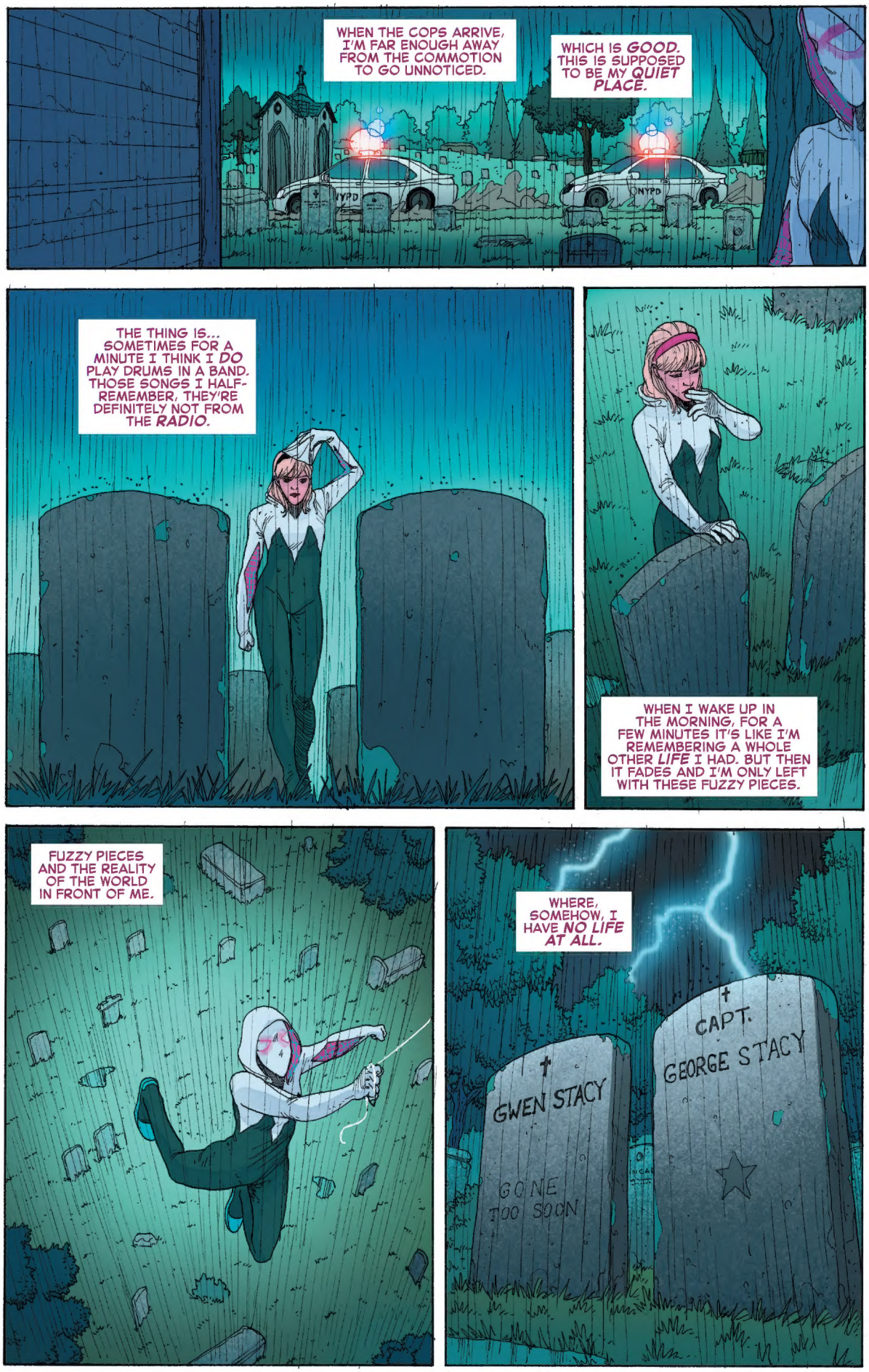
THEN AGAIN, MY *MEMORY'S* BEEN TWITCHY, TOO.

KICK

CRIMINALS IN THIS CITY USED TO HAVE *CLASS.*

PUNCH


HOW DARE YOU INTERRUPT MY WORK! I'M THE FINEST GENETICIST OF MY GENERATION, NOT SOME COMMON CRIMINAL!
UH-HUH. AND I'M THE FAMOUS DRUMMER OF AN INDIE-POP BAND AND NOT A PERSON STANDING IN A MUD-SPLATTERED WHITE LEOTARD.
GUESS THIS WAS ALL A CRAZY MISUNDERSTANDING.
NOW, YOU GUYS SIT TIGHT AND WHILE YOU'RE WAITING FOR THE COPS YOU CAN TAKE A MOMENT TO APOLOGIZE TO MS....
...UH...
JUST APOLOGIZE TO HUMANITY IN GENERAL, I GUESS.


WHEN THE COPS ARRIVE, I'M FAR ENOUGH AWAY FROM THE COMMOTION TO GO UNNOTICED.
WHICH IS GOOD. THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE MY QUIET PLACE.
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THE THING IS... SOMETIMES FOR A MINUTE I THINK I DO PLAY DRUMS IN A BAND. THOSE SONGS I HALF-REMEMBER, THEY'RE DEFINITELY NOT FROM THE RADIO.
WHEN I WAKE UP IN THE MORNING, FOR A FEW MINUTES IT'S LIKE I'M REMEMBERING A WHOLE OTHER LIFE I HAD. BUT THEN IT FADES AND I'M ONLY LEFT WITH THESE FUZZY PIECES.
FUZZY PIECES AND THE REALITY OF THE WORLD IN FRONT OF ME.
WHERE, SOMEHOW, I HAVE NO LIFE AT ALL.
GWEN STACY
GONE TOO SOON
CAPT. GEORGE STACY

ACROSS THE MULTIVERSE, YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WERE BITTEN BY GENETICALLY ALTERED, IRRADIATED OR MYSTICAL SPIDERS AND WERE TRANSFORMED. THEY GAINED THE SPEED, AGILITY, AND PROPORTIONAL STRENGTH OF A SPIDER AS WELL AS THE ABILITY TO STICK TO WALLS. SOME EVEN GAINED A UNIQUE PRECOGNITIVE AWARENESS OF DANGER CALLED "SPIDER-SENSE." ALTHOUGH THEIR PATHS HAVE BEEN VARIED, THEY ALL LIVE BY A SINGLE MANTRA – THAT WITH GREAT POWER, THERE MUST ALSO COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY.

SPIDER-VERSE

THE MULTIVERSE WAS DESTROYED!

THE HEROES OF EARTH-616 AND EARTH-1610 WERE POWERLESS TO SAVE IT!

NOW, ALL THAT REMAINS...IS BATTLEWORLD!

A MASSIVE, PATCHWORK PLANET COMPOSED OF THE FRAGMENTS OF WORLDS THAT NO LONGER EXIST, MAINTAINED BY THE IRON WILL OF ITS GOD AND MASTER, VICTOR VON DOOM!

EACH REGION IS A DOMAIN UNTO ITSELF!

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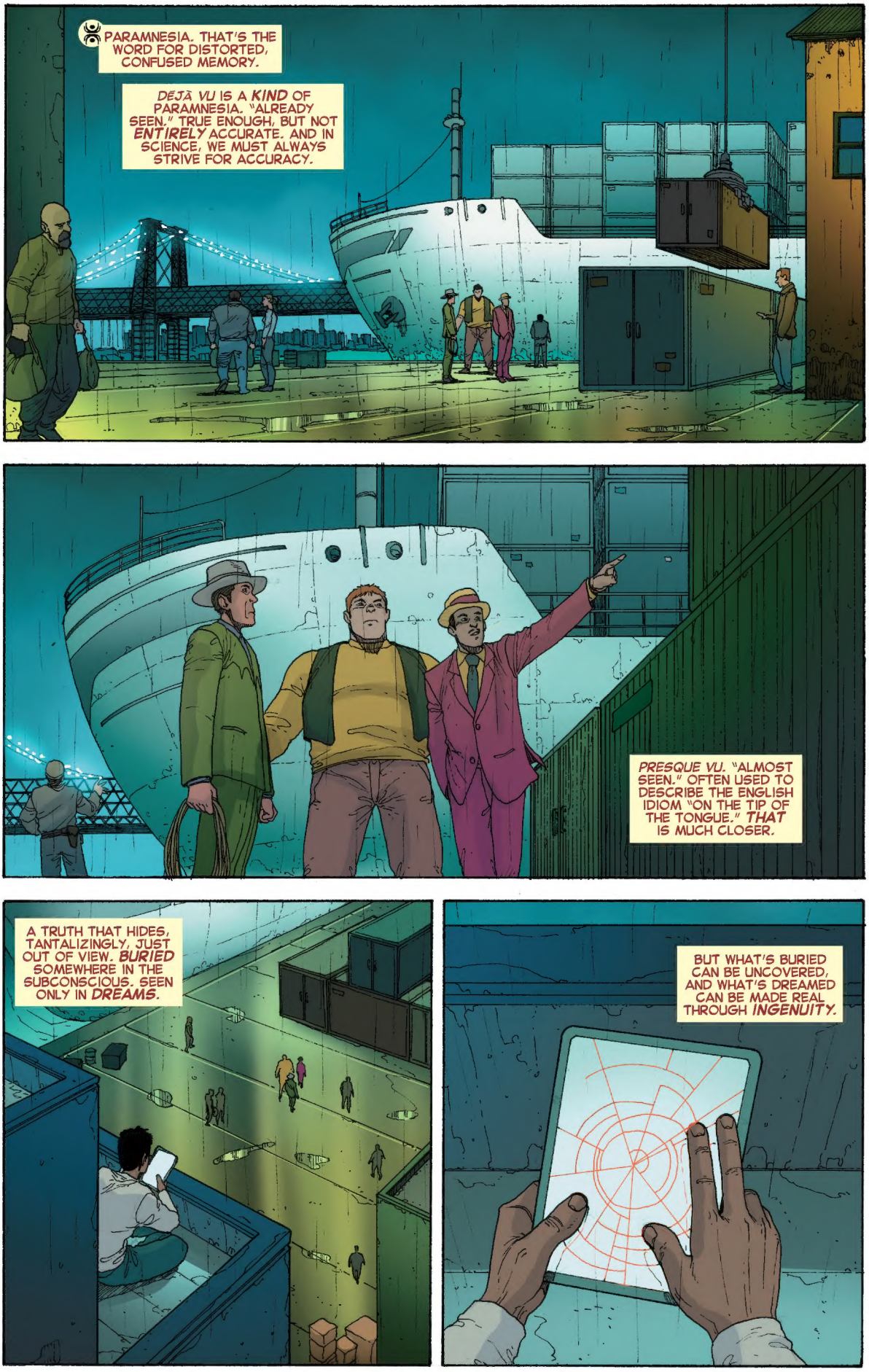

PARAMNESIA. THAT'S THE WORD FOR DISTORTED, CONFUSED MEMORY.
DÉJÀ VU IS A KIND OF PARAMNESIA. "ALREADY SEEN." TRUE ENOUGH, BUT NOT ENTIRELY ACCURATE. AND IN SCIENCE, WE MUST ALWAYS STRIVE FOR ACCURACY.
PRESQUE VU. "ALMOST SEEN." OFTEN USED TO DESCRIBE THE ENGLISH IDIOM "ON THE TIP OF THE TONGUE." THAT IS MUCH CLOSER.
A TRUTH THAT HIDES, TANTALIZINGLY, JUST OUT OF VIEW. BURIED SOMEWHERE IN THE SUBCONSCIOUS. SEEN ONLY IN DREAMS.
BUT WHAT'S BURIED CAN BE UNCOVERED, AND WHAT'S DREAMED CAN BE MADE REAL THROUGH INGENUITY.

LIKE THE MOVIE SAYS: "IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME."
AMAZING...
AND I'M NOT SURE IF THAT MOVIE EVEN EXISTS.
MY EXPLOITS HAVE GOTTEN SCANT PRESS, SO I DON'T BLAME YOU CHAPS FOR ATTEMPTING AN OUT-IN-THE-OPEN SMUGGLING OPERATION IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD.
A FEW MOMENTS MORE AND I WOULD HAVE TRIED TO INTERDICT THIS CRIME MYSELF...
SO ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF.
THEY CALL ME SPIDER-MAN, AND I'LL BE STOPPING YOUR CRIME THIS EVENING.
...BUT NOW IT SEEMS I DON'T HAVE TO.

PAL, I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, BUT YOU AIN'T SPIDER-MAN.
SPIDER-MAN DISAPPEARED YEARS AGO. I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE WENT, BUT THERE'S NO WAY HE'D COME BACK WITH A GOOFY ACCENT LIKE THAT.
SPIDER-MAN ALSO HAD SOME KINDA SIXTH SENSE. HE'D NEVER LET US GET THE DROP ON HIM LIKE THIS.
LOOKS LIKE YOU CHAPS HAVE GOT ME. IT'S TRUE I DON'T HAVE ANY KIND OF SUPER-NATURAL EARLY WARNING SYSTEM.
I'VE GOT A GIRL FOR THAT.
WHAT THE--

DOES THAT GUY SERIOUSLY HAVE A LASSO?
ブラック
THWIP
SMAK!
ANOTHER ONE!
SERIOUSLY, USING A LASSO TO ATTACK US IS LIKE USING A BUTTER KNIFE TO ATTACK... UH...A GUY WITH SWORDS.
YOUR PLACEMENT AND MANEUVERING WERE EXCELLENT. BETTER THAN I SHOWED YOU.
THE BANTER... WE'LL WORK ON IT.
OOF!

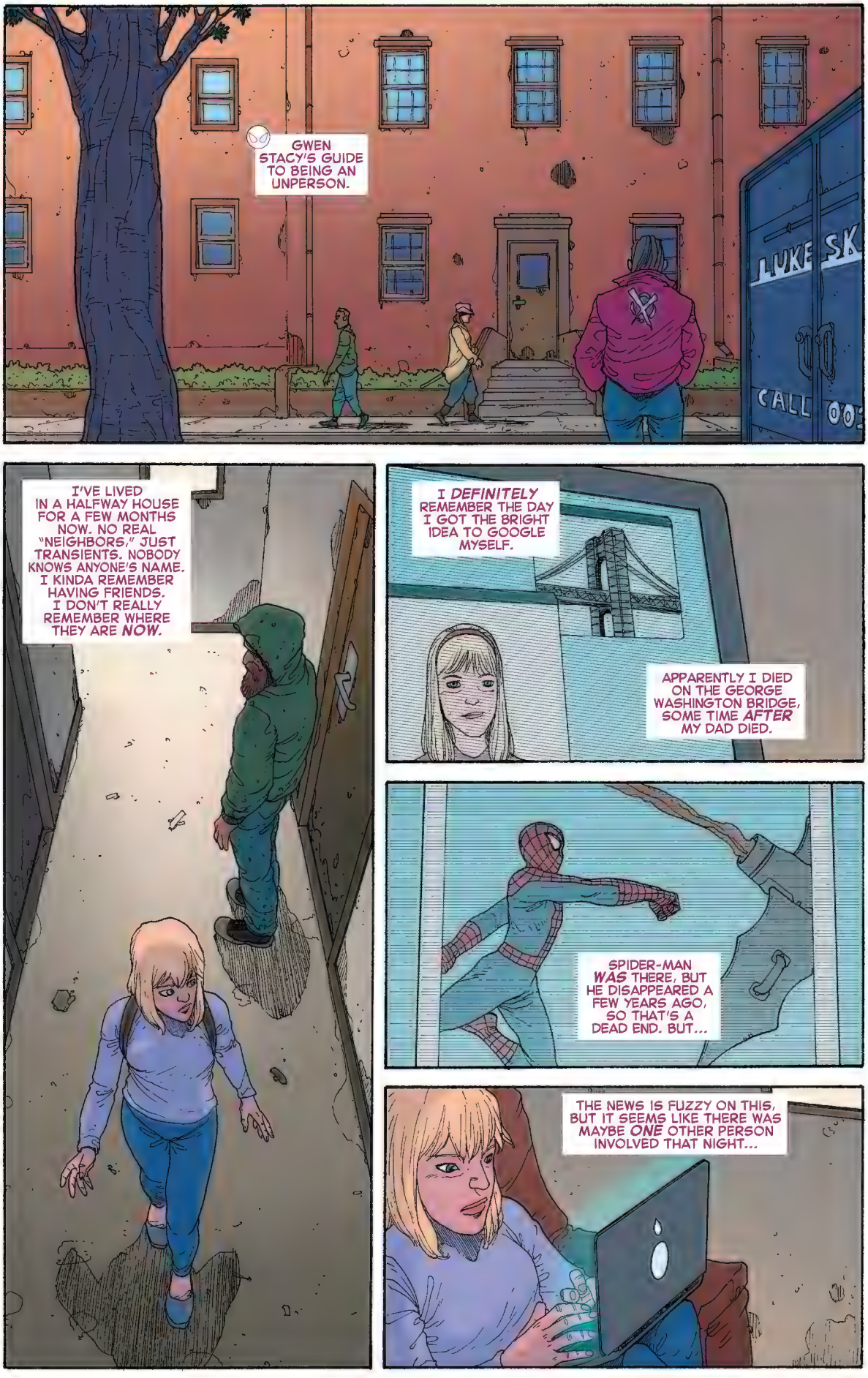
WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH THE CARGO, BOSS?
LEAVE IT FOR THE AUTHORITIES, WHO SHOULD BE ARRIVING SHARPISH.
I WAS GOING TO GO DOWN TO MEET THEM THEN, BUT SOMETHING WAS WRONG.
I FELT IT EVEN BEFORE I HEARD THE ENGINES.
OZCORP
DO YOU HEAR THAT? WHAT IS THAT?
THE COSTUME IS A BIT OSTENTATIOUS, MAYBE.

I SAW IT IN A DREAM.
TWO SPIDERS ON A PLATTER FOR US. JUST LIKE THE BOSS SAID.
THIS WAS A SETUP!
WE'VE NO HOPE OF ESCAPE UNLESS WE TAKE OUT THEIR AIR SUPPORT. WE--
WHO THE DEVIL IS THAT?

CAN YOU SWIM?
I DON'T HAVE A PARACHUTE!
DON'T WORRY, FALLING THIS DISTANCE INTO WATER IS *NONLETHAL.*
BOOM
PLEASE, FRIENDS, WE MUST GO.
THIS GUY SEEM *FAMILIAR* TO YOU?

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
MY... NAME?
JUST YOUR FIRST NAME. PLEASE, IT'S ALL RIGHT.
...SARA.
NO, YOU HESITATED. I COULD SENSE IT.
YOUR REAL NAME. THE ONE ETCHED IN SECRET ON YOUR HEART. NOT THE ONE THEY CALL YOU HERE.
ANYA.
ANYA CORAZON.
HELLO, ANYA. I'M PAVITR PRABHAKAR.
YOU FEEL AS I DO, DON'T YOU? THAT YOU ARE A PUZZLE PIECE THAT DOES NOT FIT. THAT YOU HAVE KNOWN THIS WORLD ALL YOUR LIFE, YET IT DOES NOT FEEL LIKE HOME.
WE DO NOT BELONG HERE, DO WE?

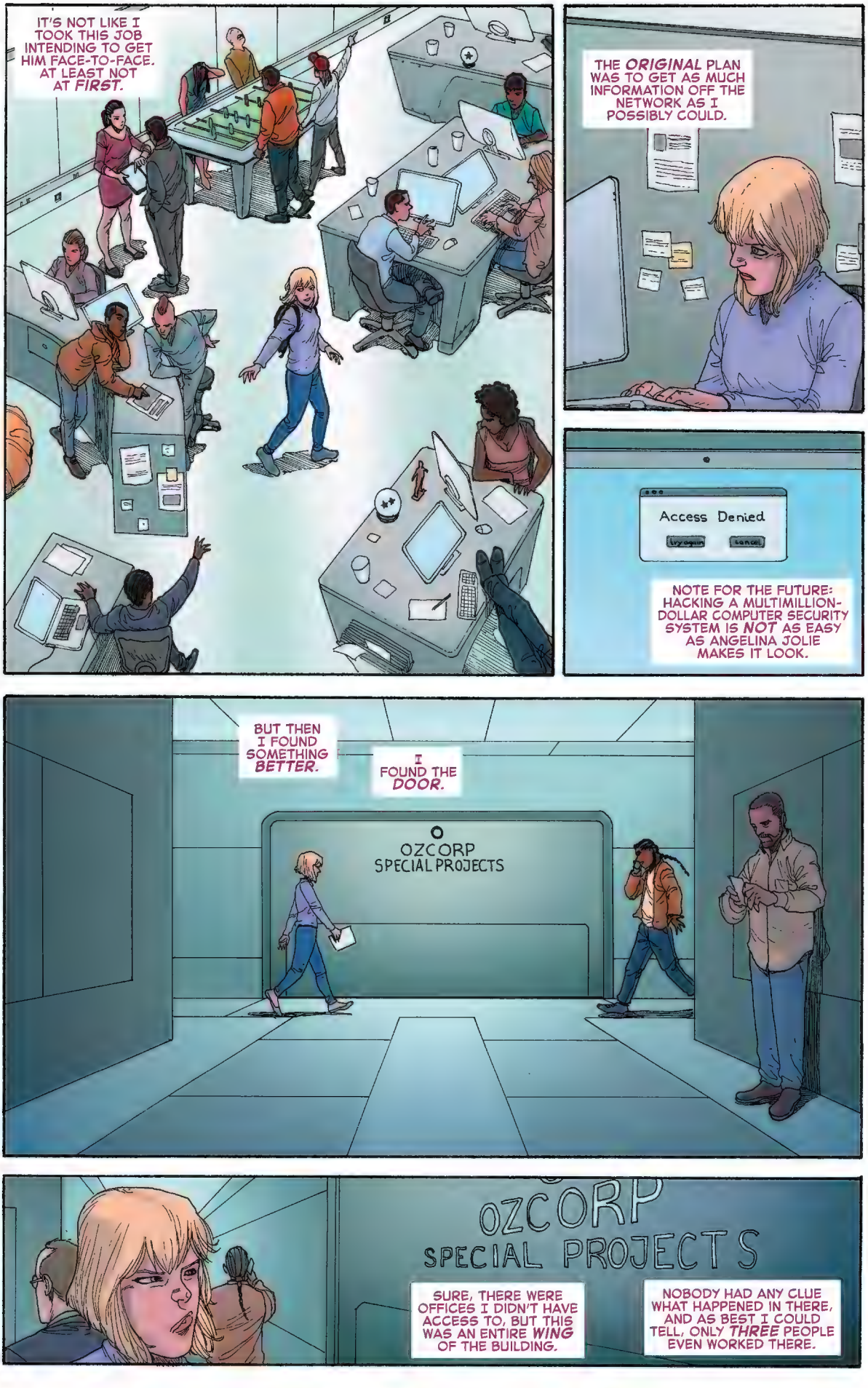
I'M BILLY BRADDOCK, AND I DON'T HAVE ANOTHER NAME, BUT I KNOW THE FEELING YOU'RE DESCRIBING.
HOW DID YOU FIND US?
THE SPIDER-SENSE. DÉJÀ VU, PRESQUE VU, THEY WERE RELATED PHENOMENA. I FOUND A WAY TO REACH INTO IT...TO ENHANCE IT, FROM INSIGHT INTO INFLUENCE.
COOL. LIKE IN A MYSTICAL, INDIAN WAY?
NO, IN A RATIONAL WAY. I AM A SCIENTIST.
I HAD HOPED THERE WERE OTHERS LIKE ME, AND I HYPOTHESIZED THAT, IF I COULD HOME IN ON THE VERY PHENOMENA THAT WERE TORTURING ME, MAYBE I COULD FIND YOU.
SO YOU THINK WE'RE ALL CONNECTED. ALL OUT OF PLACE HERE. ALL DRESSED LIKE THIS. AND YOU FOUND A STRING THAT TIES US TOGETHER.
NOT A STRING...
...A WEB.


GWEN STACY'S GUIDE TO BEING AN UNPERSON.
I'VE LIVED IN A HALFWAY HOUSE FOR A FEW MONTHS NOW. NO REAL "NEIGHBORS," JUST TRANSIENTS. NOBODY KNOWS ANYONE'S NAME. I KINDA REMEMBER HAVING FRIENDS. I DON'T REALLY REMEMBER WHERE THEY ARE NOW.
I DEFINITELY REMEMBER THE DAY I GOT THE BRIGHT IDEA TO GOOGLE MYSELF.
APPARENTLY I DIED ON THE GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE, SOME TIME AFTER MY DAD DIED.
SPIDER-MAN WAS THERE, BUT HE DISAPPEARED A FEW YEARS AGO, SO THAT'S A DEAD END. BUT...
THE NEWS IS FUZZY ON THIS, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE THERE WAS MAYBE ONE OTHER PERSON INVOLVED THAT NIGHT...

...BUT THEY WERE NEVER ABLE TO PROVE THAT.
NEVER A DULL MOMENT IN NEW YORK, FOLKS.
THE SWITCHBOARDS LIT UP LAST NIGHT AND I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY: YES, OZCORP SECURITY ENGAGED WITH SOME SMUGGLERS NEAR THE BROOKLYN NAVY YARD. AND THERE WAS ALSO A SMALL SKIRMISH AT A CEMETERY IN QUEENS.
BUT I WANT TO ASSURE THE GOOD PEOPLE OF NEW YORK THAT, AS USUAL, THE GOOD GUYS WON, THE BAD GUYS ARE IN CUSTODY, AND YOU CAN SLEEP SOUNDLY ANOTHER NIGHT KNOWING WE'RE OUT THERE KEEPING YOU SAFE.
YES, MS. BRANT.
MAYOR OSBORN, ARE WE TO ASSUME NOW THAT OZCORP IS HANDLING THE KIND OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY THAT THE POLICE USED TO TACKLE?
THE ARRESTS AT THE NAVAL YARD WERE THE CONCLUSION OF AN ELABORATE STING OPERATION THAT INVOLVED A SUPERHUMAN ELEMENT, AND THE CEMETERY SKIRMISH WAS JUST A CASE OF ONE OF OUR TEAM BEING IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME.
SO REPORTS OF SPIDER-MAN HAVING BEEN INVOLVED IN BOTH EVENTS AREN'T CREDIBLE?
HA. NO, MS. BRANT.
SORRY TO ALL THE CONSPIRACY THEORISTS OUT THERE, BUT IT WAS OZCORP PERSONNEL ONLY. NEITHER SPIDER-MAN, NOR ELVIS, HAVE RETURNED.
NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I HAVE A FULL SCHEDULE TODAY.
DOOM BLESS OZCORP, AND DOOM BLESS AMERICA.

WELL THAT WAS JUST PLAIN WEIRD. I'M USED TO NOT SEEING MYSELF IN THE NEWS, BUT A FULL-ON COVER-UP? AND WHAT HAPPENED AT THE NAVAL YARD? I WASN'T EVEN NEAR THERE.
I DIDN'T EVEN REALIZE OZCORP KNEW I EXISTED.
WAIT A MOMENT...
YOU.
UH... ME, SIR?
YES. YOU.
YOU'RE THE NEW GIRL IN COMMUNICATIONS, CORRECT? MISS...
WOODLEY.
YES! MISS WOODLEY! LIZ ALLAN HAS SOME FANTASTIC THINGS TO SAY ABOUT YOU. YOU'RE REALLY MAKING AN IMPRESSION OVER THERE.
WELL, THANK YOU, SIR. IT'S NICE TO BE NOTICED.
OH, I'VE NOTICED, MISS WOODLEY. KEEP DOING WHAT YOU'RE DOING AND I'M SURE WE'LL BE TALKING AGAIN SOON.

YEAH, OKAY. SO I'VE TAKEN A JOB WORKING FOR THE MAN WHO MIGHT HAVE MURDERED ME.
WHICH IS ODD, BECAUSE I'VE BEEN ALIVE FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER.
WHEW
AND YEAH, HE'S THE MAYOR AND THE HEAD OF A MULTIBILLION-DOLLAR COMPANY AND CLEARLY AT THE HEART OF SOME CONSPIRACY INVOLVING MY INEXPLICABLE NEED TO DRESS UP LIKE A SUPER HERO AND KICK BUTT.
BUT SO WHAT? WHAT WOULD YOU DO?
OZCORP
MICROFICHE ONLY GETS YOU SO FAR.
OZCORP


IT'S NOT LIKE I TOOK THIS JOB INTENDING TO GET HIM FACE-TO-FACE. AT LEAST NOT AT FIRST.
THE ORIGINAL PLAN WAS TO GET AS MUCH INFORMATION OFF THE NETWORK AS I POSSIBLY COULD.
Access Denied
try again
cancel
NOTE FOR THE FUTURE: HACKING A MULTIMILLION-DOLLAR COMPUTER SECURITY SYSTEM IS NOT AS EASY AS ANGELINA JOLIE MAKES IT LOOK.
BUT THEN I FOUND SOMETHING BETTER.
I FOUND THE DOOR.
OZCORP
SPECIAL PROJECTS
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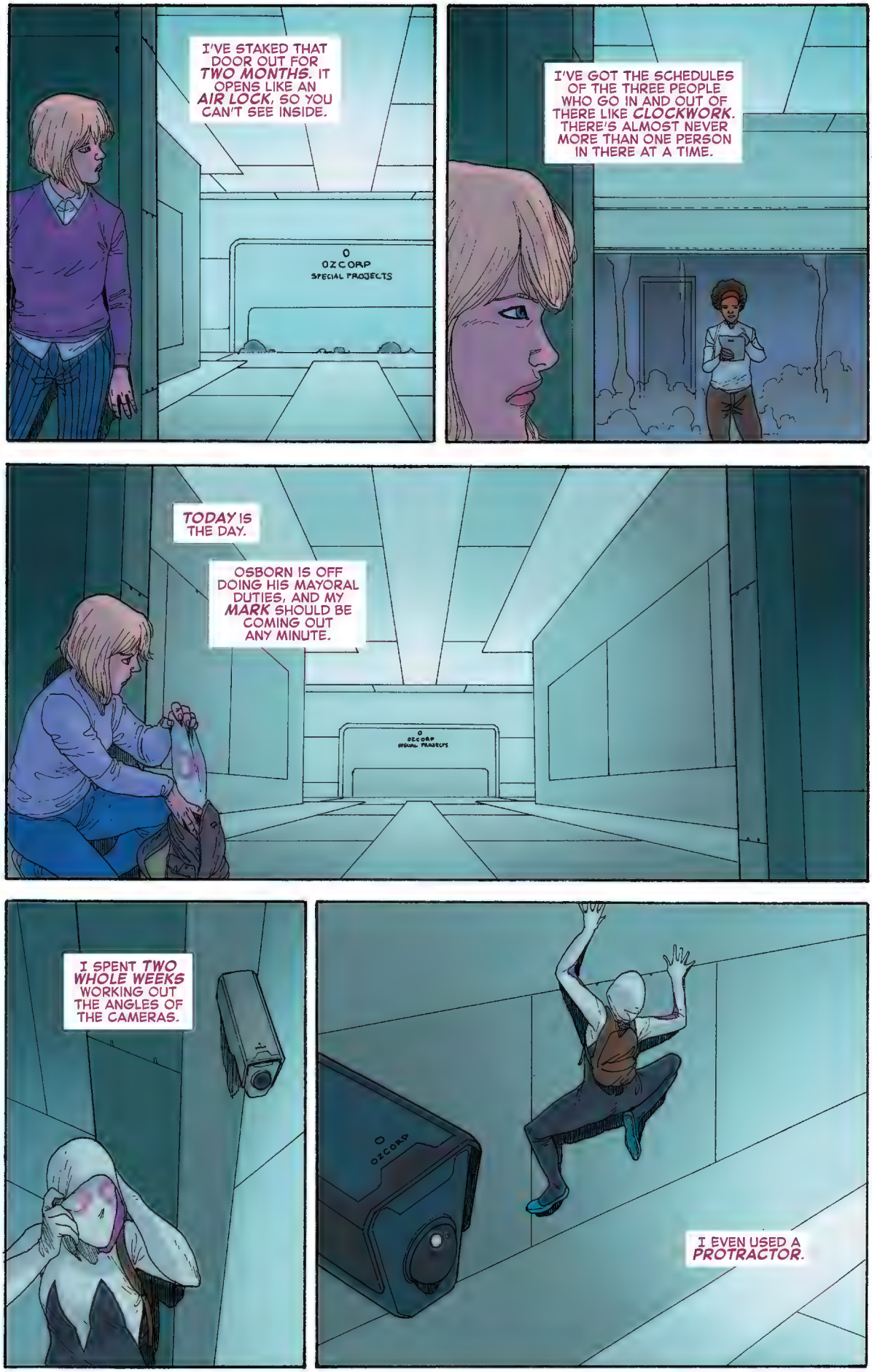
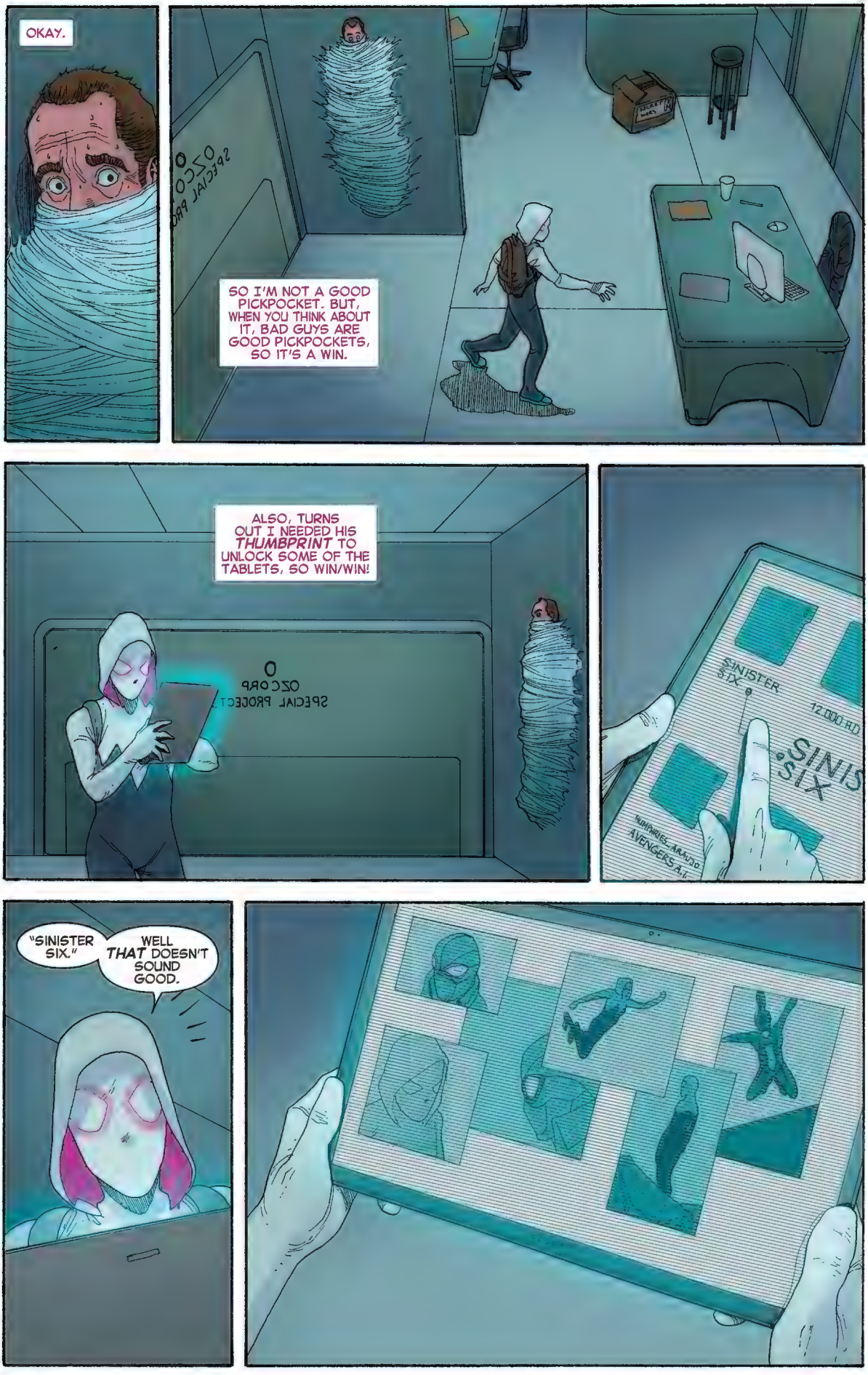
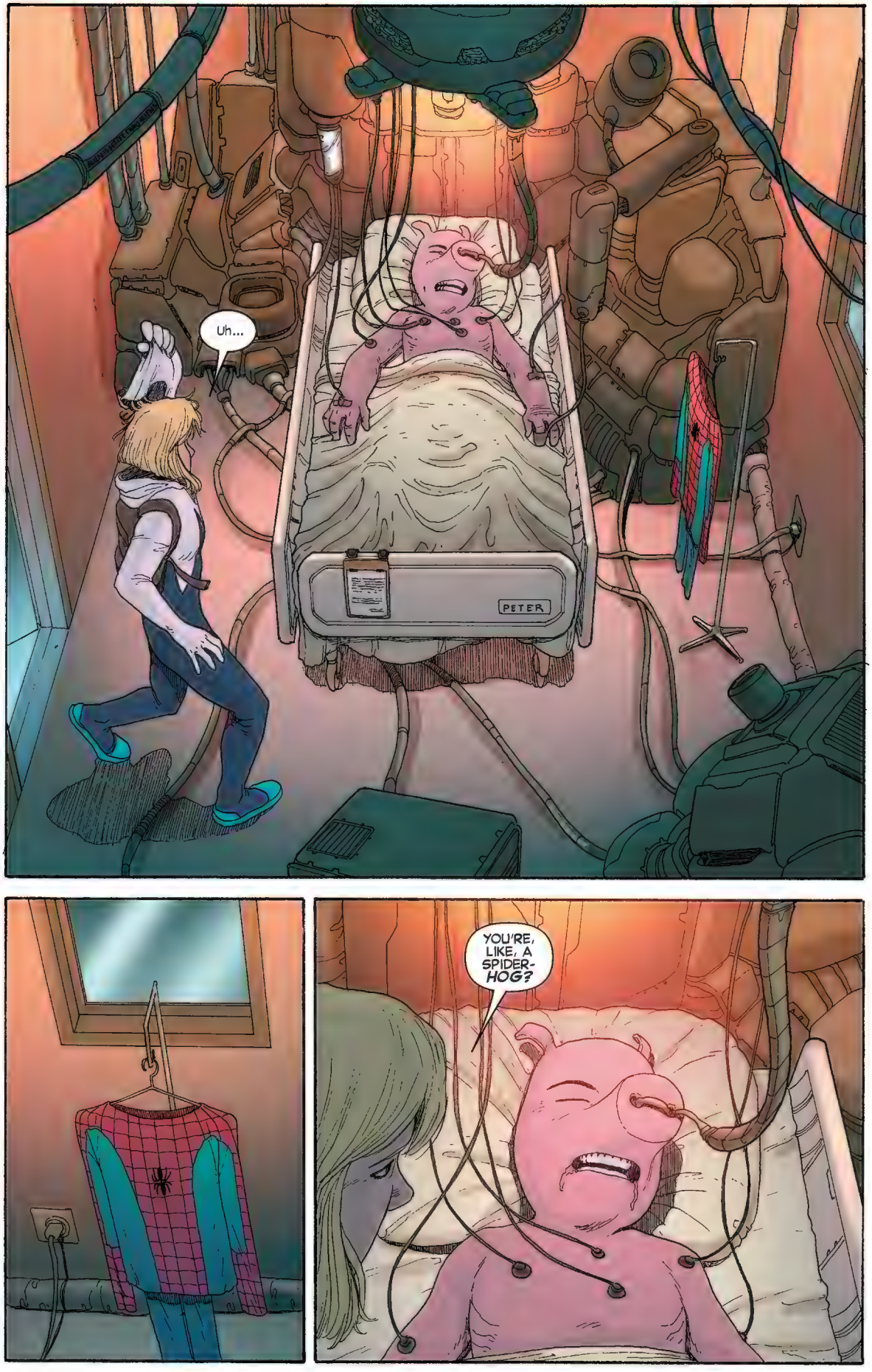
SURE, THERE WERE OFFICES I DIDN'T HAVE ACCESS TO, BUT THIS WAS AN ENTIRE WING OF THE BUILDING.
NOBODY HAD ANY CLUE WHAT HAPPENED IN THERE, AND AS BEST I COULD TELL, ONLY THREE PEOPLE EVEN WORKED THERE.

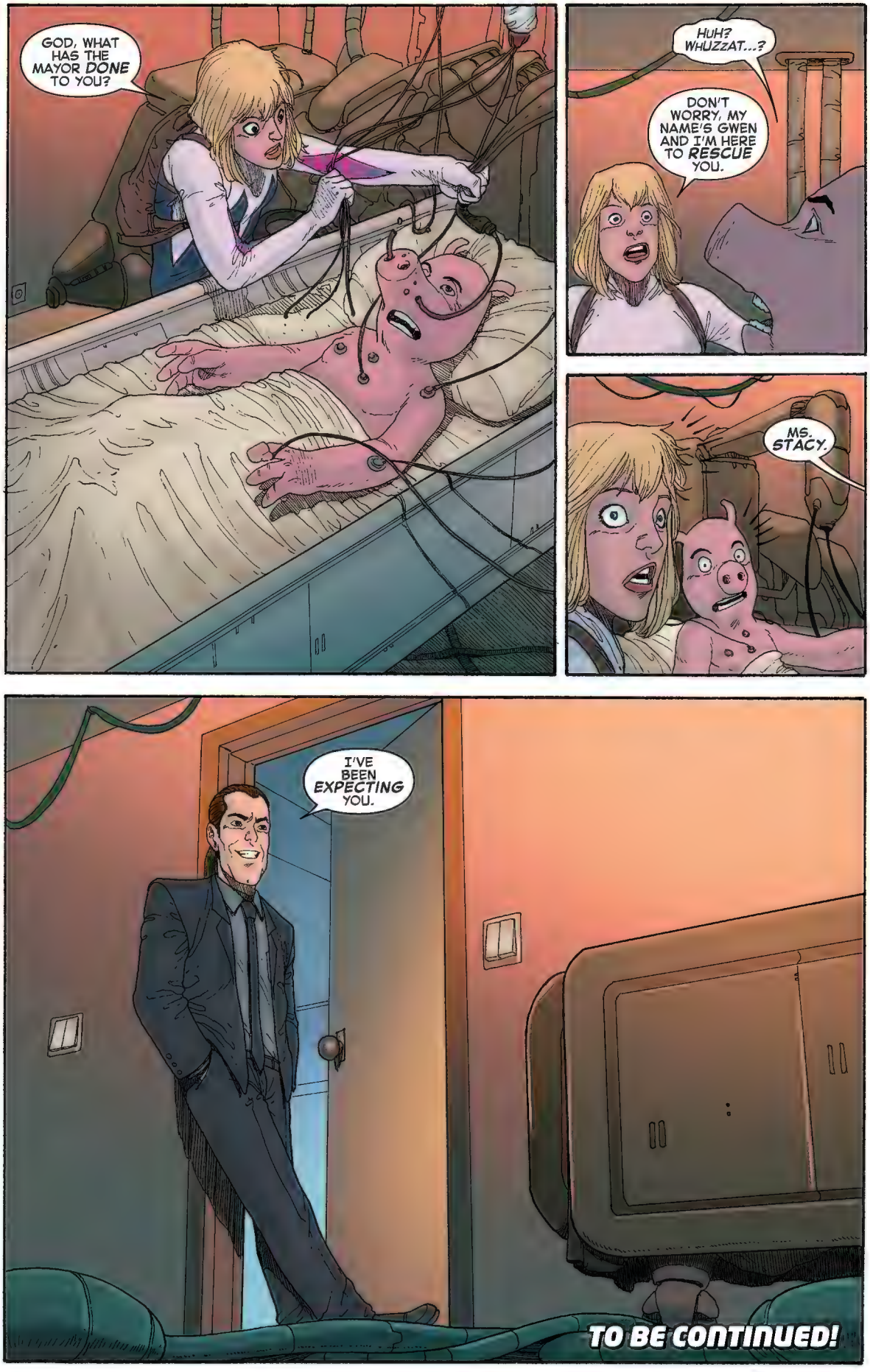

I'VE STAKED THAT DOOR OUT FOR TWO MONTHS. IT OPENS LIKE AN AIR LOCK, SO YOU CAN'T SEE INSIDE.
OZCORP
SPECIAL PROJECTS
I'VE GOT THE SCHEDULES OF THE THREE PEOPLE WHO GO IN AND OUT OF THERE LIKE CLOCKWORK. THERE'S ALMOST NEVER MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN THERE AT A TIME.
TODAY IS THE DAY.
OSBORN IS OFF DOING HIS MAYORAL DUTIES, AND MY MARK SHOULD BE COMING OUT ANY MINUTE.
I SPENT TWO WHOLE WEEKS WORKING OUT THE ANGLES OF THE CAMERAS.
OZCORP
I EVEN USED A PROTRACTOR.

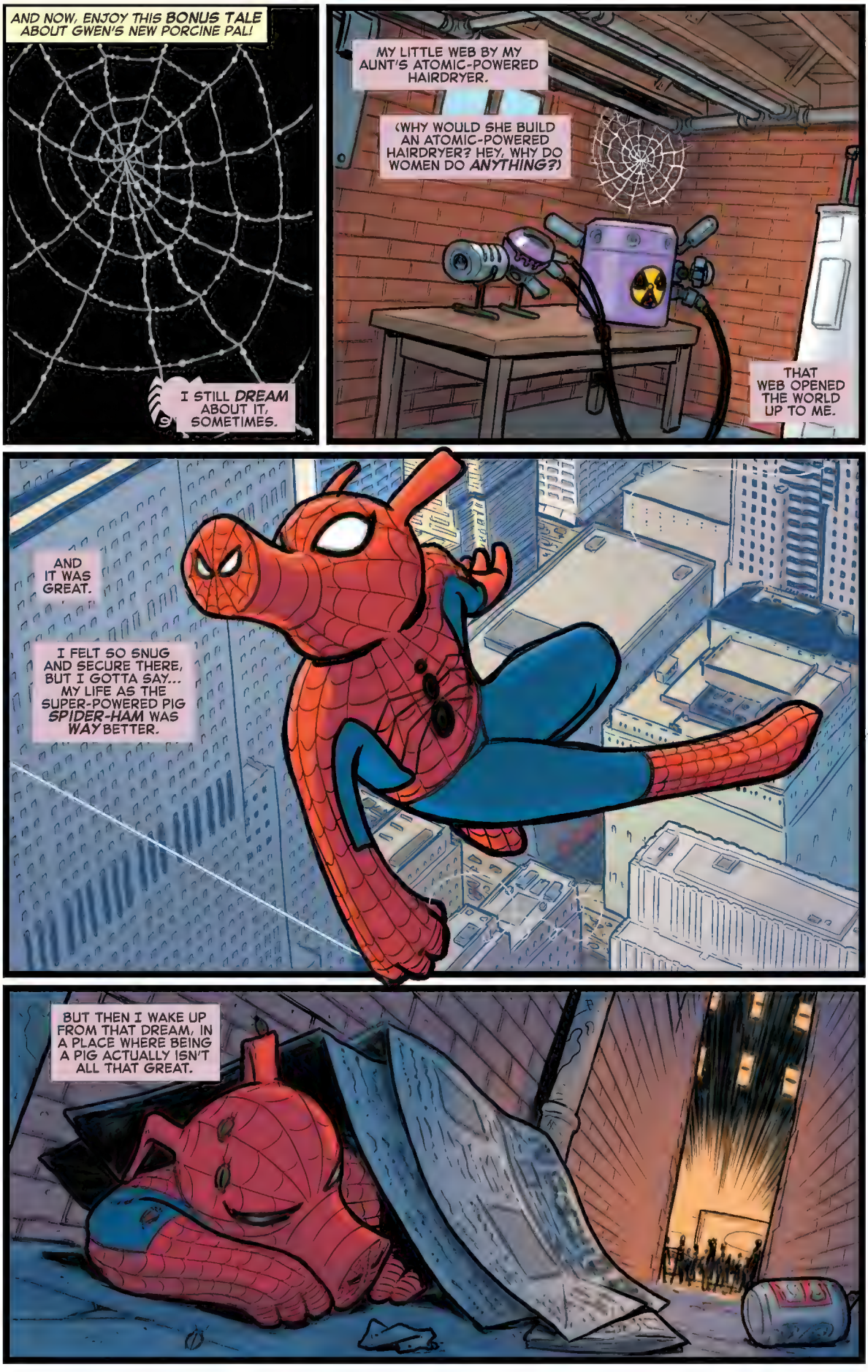
HAVE YOU USED A PROTRACTOR ONCE SINCE THE EIGHTH GRADE? OF COURSE NOT.
YOU'RE NOT A KICK-BUTT SUPER HERO.
HERE COMES MY GUY.
I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM EAT ANYTHING OTHER THAN POP TARTS IN THE BREAK ROOM, SO I CONSIDERED HIM TO BE THE DUMBEST.
CAREFULLY...
SOOOOOOO CAREFULLLLLYYYY...
HEY, WHAT THE--
AW, MAN...

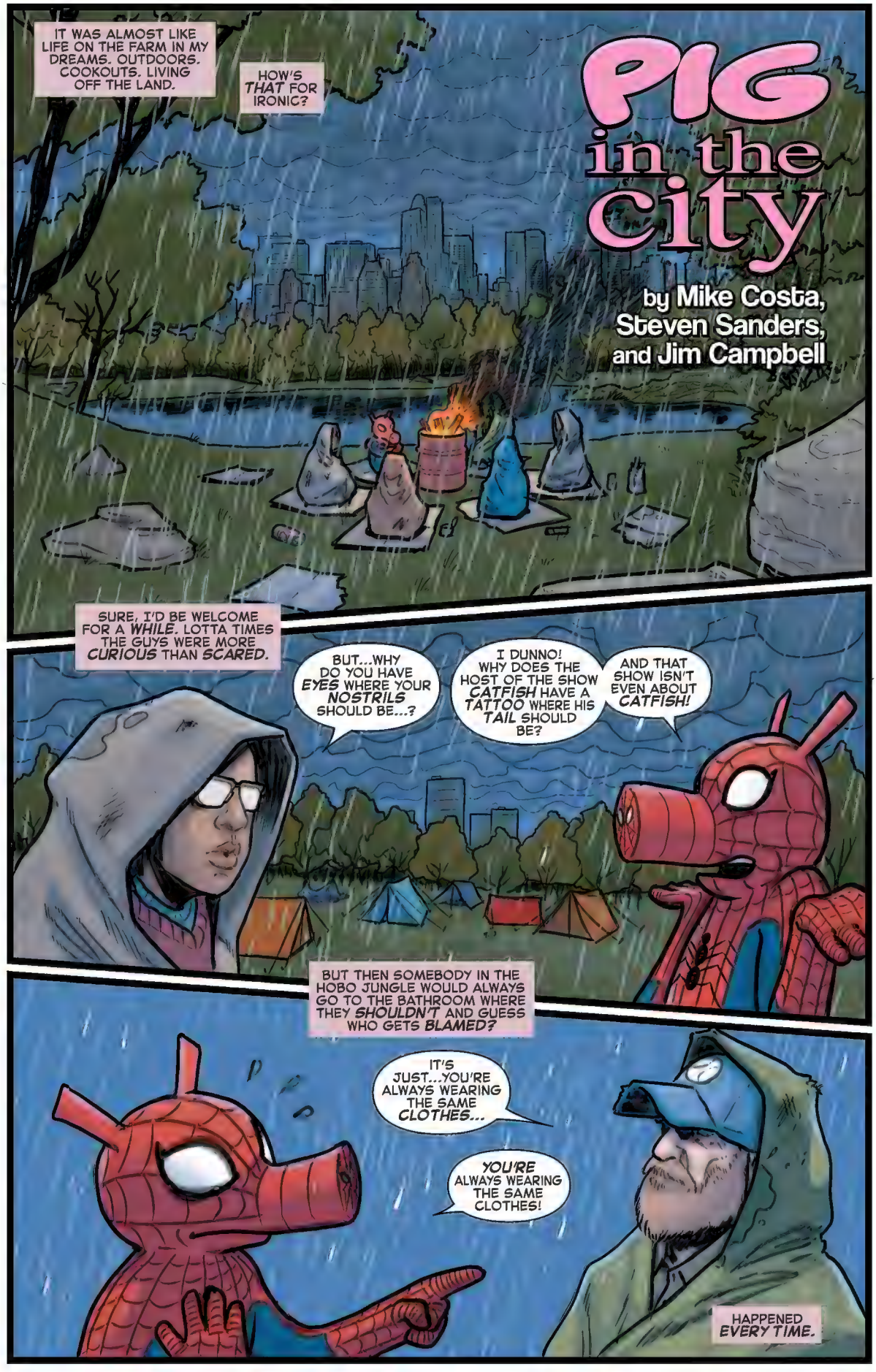

OKAY.
SO I'M NOT A GOOD PICKPOCKET. BUT, WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT, BAD GUYS ARE GOOD PICKPOCKETS, SO IT'S A WIN.
ALSO, TURNS OUT I NEEDED HIS THUMBPRINT TO UNLOCK SOME OF THE TABLETS, SO WIN/WIN!
SINISTER SIX
"SINISTER SIX."
WELL THAT DOESN'T SOUND GOOD.

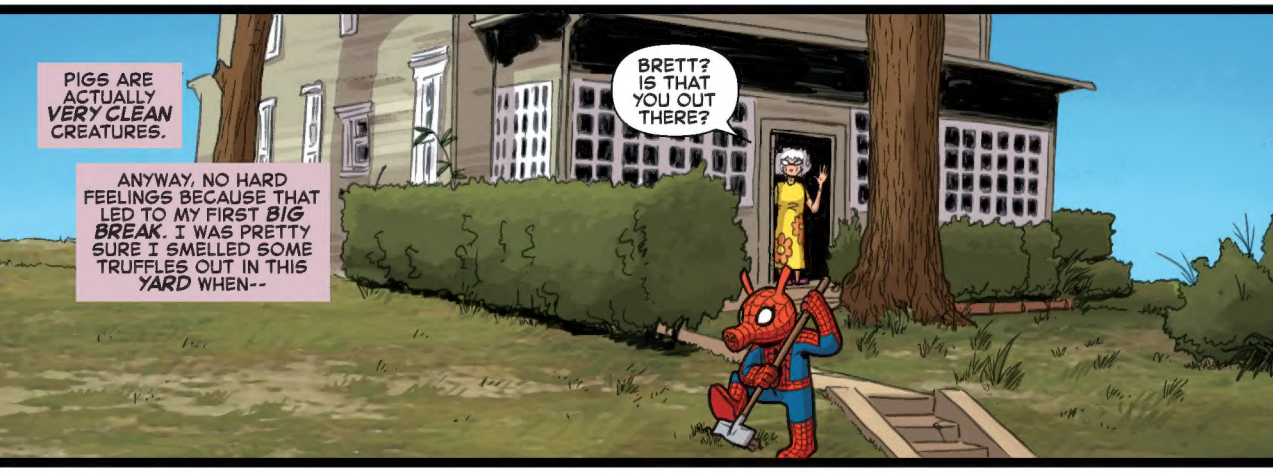
WHAT IN THE HECK?
OTHERS LIKE ME?!
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? EVEN WEIRDER...WHY DO THEY LOOK SO FAMILIAR?
OZCORP
HEY. GUY. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN APPRECIATE THIS, BUT I'VE BEEN HAVING AN IDENTITY CRISIS... BASICALLY MY ENTIRE LIFE.
NOW I FIND OUT SOMEHOW THERE ARE MORE SPIDER-PEOPLE OUT THERE LIKE ME, WHO I'VE SOMEHOW NEVER EVEN HEARD OF.
ANY ANSWERS HERE?
MMF.
PETER
THROUGH THAT OTHER DOOR, HUH?
YEAH, OKAY. I'LL CHECK IT OUT. MY DAY CAN'T GET TOO MUCH WEIRDER.
OR...

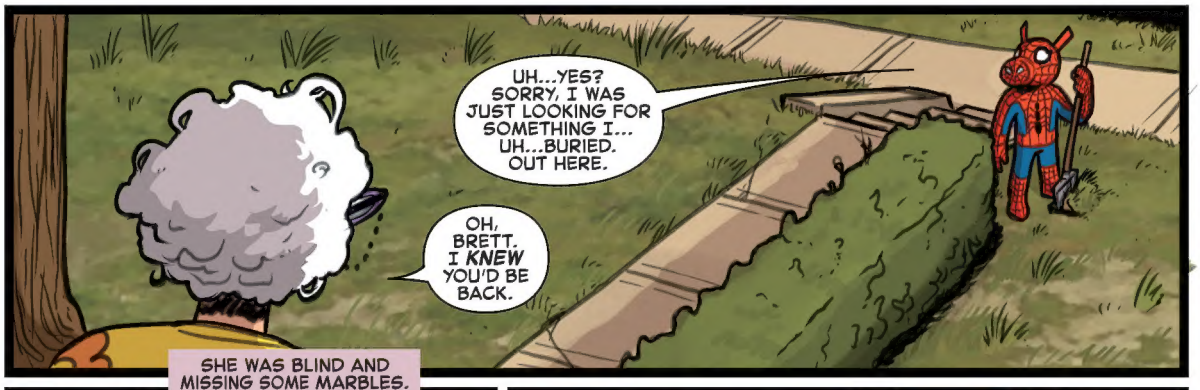

Uh...
PETER
YOU'RE, LIKE, A SPIDER-HOG?


GOD, WHAT HAS THE MAYOR DONE TO YOU?
HUH? WHUZZAT...?
DON'T WORRY, MY NAME'S GWEN AND I'M HERE TO RESCUE YOU.
MS. STACY.
I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU.
TO BE CONTINUED!

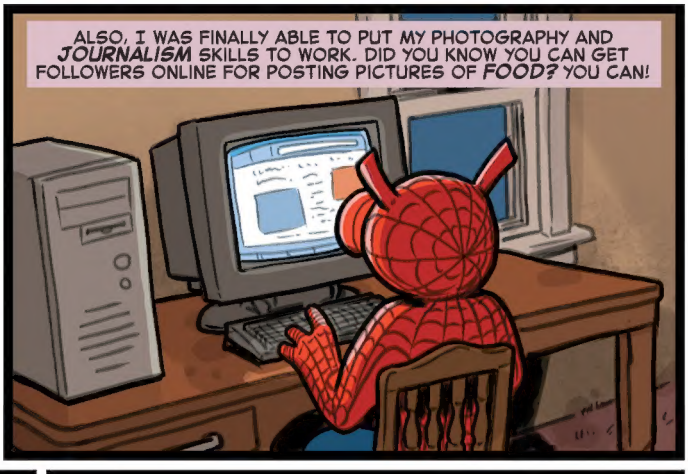

AND NOW, ENJOY THIS BONUS TALE ABOUT GWEN'S NEW PORCINE PAL!
I STILL DREAM ABOUT IT, SOMETIMES.
MY LITTLE WEB BY MY AUNT'S ATOMIC-POWERED HAIRDRYER.
(WHY WOULD SHE BUILD AN ATOMIC-POWERED HAIRDRYER? HEY, WHY DO WOMEN DO ANYTHING?)
THAT WEB OPENED THE WORLD UP TO ME.
AND IT WAS GREAT.
I FELT SO SNUG AND SECURE THERE, BUT I GOTTA SAY... MY LIFE AS THE SUPER-POWERED PIG SPIDER-HAM WAS WAY BETTER.
BUT THEN I WAKE UP FROM THAT DREAM, IN A PLACE WHERE BEING A PIG ACTUALLY ISN'T ALL THAT GREAT.

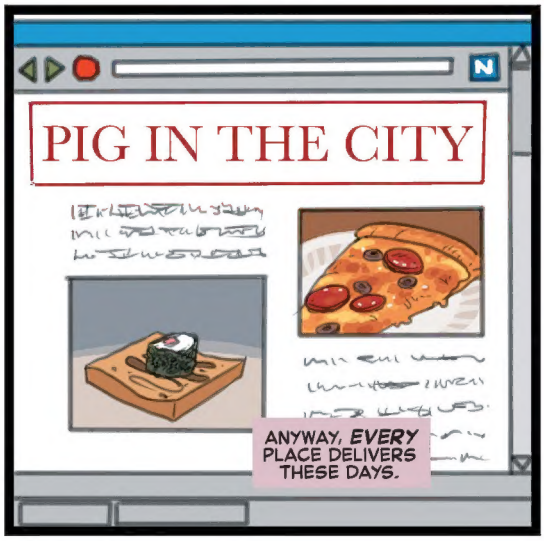

IT WAS ALMOST LIKE LIFE ON THE FARM IN MY DREAMS. OUTDOORS. COOKOUTS. LIVING OFF THE LAND.
HOW'S *THAT* FOR IRONIC?
PIG in the city
by Mike Costa, Steven Sanders, and Jim Campbell
SURE, I'D BE WELCOME FOR A *WHILE*. LOTTA TIMES THE GUYS WERE MORE *CURIOUS* THAN *SCARED*.
BUT...WHY DO YOU HAVE *EYES* WHERE YOUR *NOSTRILS* SHOULD BE...?
I DUNNO! WHY DOES THE HOST OF THE SHOW *CATFISH* HAVE A *TATTOO* WHERE HIS *TAIL* SHOULD BE?
AND THAT SHOW ISN'T EVEN ABOUT *CATFISH!*
BUT THEN SOMEBODY IN THE HOBO JUNGLE WOULD ALWAYS GO TO THE BATHROOM WHERE THEY *SHOULDN'T* AND GUESS WHO GETS *BLAMED?*
IT'S JUST...YOU'RE ALWAYS WEARING THE SAME *CLOTHES...*
YOU'RE ALWAYS WEARING THE SAME CLOTHES!
HAPPENED *EVERY TIME.*


PIGS ARE ACTUALLY *VERY CLEAN* CREATURES.
ANYWAY, NO HARD FEELINGS BECAUSE THAT LED TO MY FIRST *BIG BREAK*. I WAS PRETTY SURE I SMELLED SOME TRUFFLES OUT IN THIS *YARD* WHEN--
BRETT? IS THAT YOU OUT THERE?


UH...YES? SORRY, I WAS JUST LOOKING FOR SOMETHING I... UH...BURIED. OUT HERE.
OH, BRETT. I *KNEW* YOU'D BE BACK.

SHE WAS BLIND AND MISSING SOME MARBLES. GRANDSON BRETT BLEW TOWN *YEARS* AGO, IT WAS *PERFECT!*
SO NICE TO HAVE *COMPANY* AGAIN!


ALSO, I WAS FINALLY ABLE TO PUT MY PHOTOGRAPHY AND *JOURNALISM* SKILLS TO WORK. DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN GET FOLLOWERS ONLINE FOR POSTING PICTURES OF *FOOD?* YOU CAN!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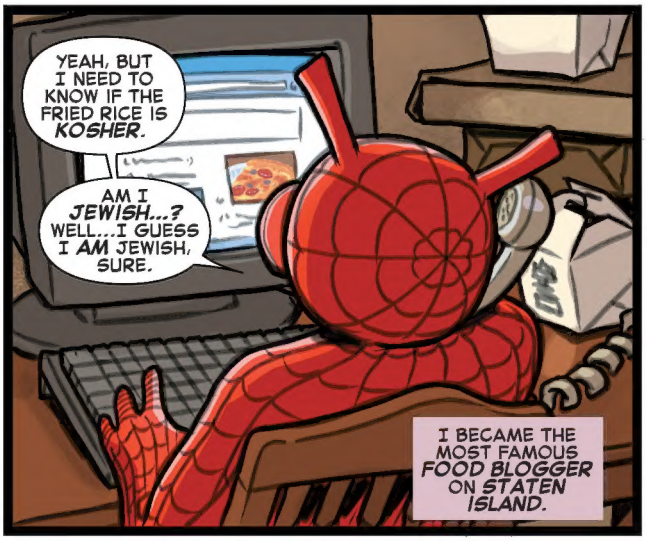
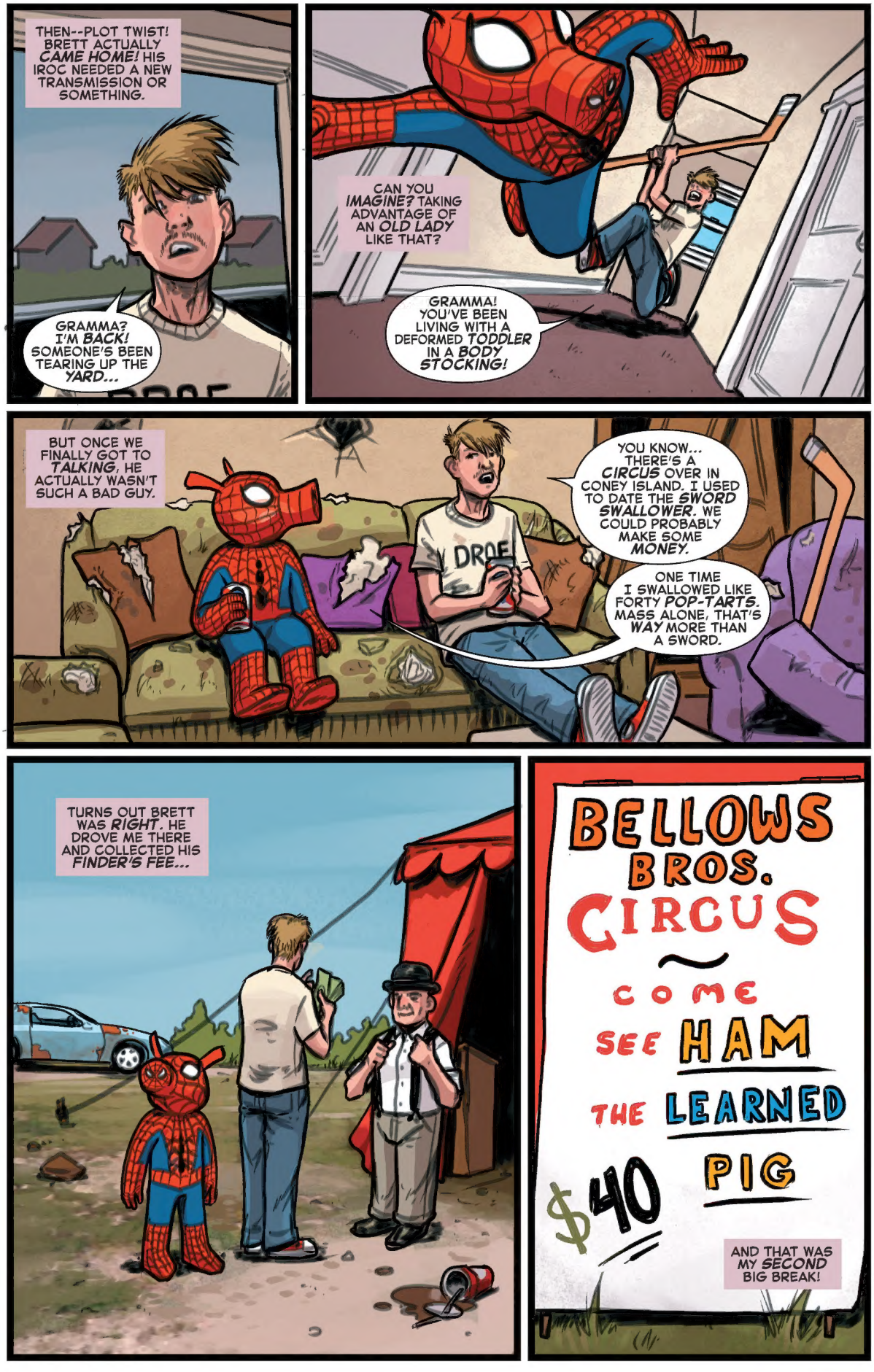
ANYWAY, *EVERY* PLACE DELIVERS THESE DAYS.


YEAH, BUT I NEED TO KNOW IF THE FRIED RICE IS *KOSHER*.
AM I *JEWISH...?* WELL...I GUESS I *AM* JEWISH, SURE.
I BECAME THE MOST FAMOUS *FOOD BLOGGER* ON *STATEN ISLAND*.


THEN--PLOT TWIST! BRETT ACTUALLY *CAME HOME!* HIS IROC NEEDED A NEW TRANSMISSION OR SOMETHING.
GRAMMA? I'M *BACK!* SOMEONE'S BEEN TEARING UP THE *YARD...*
CAN YOU *IMAGINE?* TAKING ADVANTAGE OF AN *OLD LADY* LIKE THAT?
GRAMMA! YOU'VE BEEN LIVING WITH A DEFORMED *TODDLER* IN A *BODY STOCKING!*
BUT ONCE WE FINALLY GOT TO *TALKING*, HE ACTUALLY WASN'T SUCH A BAD GUY.
YOU KNOW... THERE'S A *CIRCUS* OVER IN CONEY ISLAND. I USED TO DATE THE *SWORD SWALLOWER.* WE COULD PROBABLY MAKE SOME *MONEY.*
ONE TIME I SWALLOWED LIKE FORTY *POP-TARTS.* MASS ALONE, THAT'S *WAY* MORE THAN A SWORD.
TURNS OUT BRETT WAS *RIGHT.* HE DROVE ME THERE AND COLLECTED HIS *FINDER'S FEE...*
BELLOWS BROS. CIRCUS
COME SEE HAM THE LEARNED PIG
$40
AND THAT WAS MY *SECOND* BIG BREAK!

WHEW, CHECK OUT THE BREATH ON THIS GUY! ALL THE WAY FROM THE THIRD ROW!
SHOW BUSINESS.
I'M THE ONE THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE EATING GARBAGE, PAL!
HA HA HA HA HA
CAGE WAS JUST FOR SHOW, OF COURSE. I ACTUALLY GOT MY OWN TRAILER, OVER BY THE HORSES.
I USED TO BE A POT-BELLIED PIG... THEN MY WIFE MADE ME DO SIT-UPS!
THINGS ARE GOING PRETTY GREAT, BUT STILL I GOTTA WONDER...
WHERE'S MY NEXT BREAK GONNA COME FROM?
TO BE CONTINUED!

CAUGHT IN THE WEB OF SPIDER-VERSE

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Hello, in here, out there, around the world and aboard all the ships at sea! Assistant Web-itor Devin Lewis, reporting to you live and in-print from Marvel HQ.

As regular readers know, we're now in the midst of SECRET WARS – the biggest Marvel Comics event EVER!

If you've been keeping up with Dan Slott's run on THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN, you're already familiar with the "Spider-Verse" storyline, which brought together over a dozen unique Spider-Men and Women from across the multiverse. With Battleworld forged, some of those same spider-heroes have been brought together again.

The writer of this story, Mike Costa, played a big part in the original "Spider-Verse" story, and wrote the SCARLET SPIDERS story that many of you read. Mike has a terrific sense of voice, and is able to make his characters feel genuine, fleshed-out, and grounded. When it came time to plan for SECRET WARS, going to Mike was a no-brainer, and we can't wait for you to see what he's got planned! If you thought this issue was a weird and wild romp through the spider-mythos, you haven't seen anything yet!

We've also got the enormously talented Andre Araujo drawing this series, and there's nobody better at drawing out-of-this world Spider-People than him -- you may recognize his work from AVENGERS: Al or INHUMAN! Andre's got a crisp, clean style that's elegant without sacrificing detail. Add Rachelle Rosenberg's terrific colors to them, and you've got one gorgeous comic book. Also gotta throw a big "thank you" out to our lettering guru, Joe Caramagna. Without him, this book wouldn't exist! Not only does Joe letter a dozen Marvel comic books a week (literally.), He also puts up with my craziness and antics week-in, week-out! That's a full-time job in and of itself!

Enough about what I think of this one, though, we want to hear from you! Send us an email here at SPIDEYOFFICE@MARVEL.COM letting us know what you thought of this story and mark it OKAY TO PRINT! Keep your eyes on this space and you just might see your name in print!

And, if you thought this book was pretty, just wait until you see the second issue. Andre's already hard at work and I can tell you flat-out that they're some of the coolest Spider-art I've ever seen, and I've been reading Spider-Man since [REDACTED]! Here's a look at the cover to SPIDER-VERSE #2, featuring the breakout star of 2015, Spider-Gwen!

Trapped in a secret laboratory with a talking pig that can crawl on walls, Gwen Stacy's going to have to go toe-to-toe with Mayor Osborn. It's going to be a heck of a ride! Look for it in stores on 6/10!

ITEM: Just in case you can't wait that long for SECRET WARS Spider Stuff, though, you should know that AMAZING SPIDER-MAN: RENEW YOUR VOWS by Dan Slott and Adam Kubert will be hitting stands in just TWO WEEKS! Featuring the return of a certain redhead who's a fan favorite, this is the Spider-Man story you've been asking for – and we listened!
In stores on 6/3!

That's it for me! I'm going to go drool over the latest batch of pages from Andre we just got here in the office. Nick's also probably going to be annoyed that I'm drooling on my keyboard…
Over and out!

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